

HYDE AND SCHNEIDER GUILTY, SAYS JURY

Dimond and Benson Vindicated of Land Fraud Charge After Long Ordeal.

NEW TRIALS ASKED BY THE DEFENDANTS

Jury Tired and Worn After More Than Twelve Weeks' Work on the Case.

Finding Frederick A. Hyde and Joost H. Schneider guilty and John A. Benson and Henry P. Dimond not guilty, the jury in the land fraud trial, which has been in progress nearly twelve weeks, brought in their verdict yesterday afternoon.

It was only after the jury had wrestled with the mass of evidence seventy-two hours, time after time reporting that they could not reach an agreement, that the verdict was returned.

Motions were entered for new trials by Attorneys Worthington and Donaldson for Hyde and Schneider, and pending the arguments on the motions the two defendants were released on bail. Hyde in the sum of \$20,000, and Schneider in the sum of \$12,500. Dimond is free now, and will return to San Francisco, where he is manager of the Fruit Growers' Association. Benson will be tried here again next fall on an indictment charging him with bringing Government employees.

Saves Government Land.

A. S. Pugh, special assistant to the Attorney General, today declared that the verdict saves the Government public lands valued at nearly \$3,000,000. The beneficial results to the land department, he says, far outweigh the great cost of the investigation and prosecution. He estimates that the expenses of the trial, outside the expenses of counsel for the Government, will amount to \$48,300.45, divided as follows:

Fees of 106 witnesses, \$23,000; fees of jurors, \$2,925; hotel bill for jurors and bailiffs, \$3,435.45; stenographer, \$6,200; experts, \$2,200; incidentals, \$500.

Benefits Incalculable.

"While the investigation leading up to the indictment and trial itself have cost the Government a great deal of money, the beneficial results to the land department in the future administration of the public land laws are simply incalculable. The last vestige of the conspiracy which originated on the Pacific coast about ten years ago has now been utterly destroyed, and it is not likely that other similar schemes will again be attempted.

"As a net result there will be restored to the Government something more than 100,000 acres of public lands which were selected under the fraudulent practice charged in the indictment in this case. The selections have been under suspension since November, 1902, awaiting the trial of the case. These selections will all now be taken up and adjudicated by the land department.

Values Increase.

"The value of the lands has very greatly increased since their selection, eight, nine and ten years ago, so that the 100,000 acres or more immediately involved in the trial are probably now worth from \$5 to \$10 an acre.

"Patents were secured for something like 40,000 acres of public lands before the fraud was discovered, which was in November, 1902. Suits have been instituted by the Department of Justice for the recovery of these lands and will now be prosecuted to final conclusion. In so far as the lands have not passed into the hands of innocent purchasers they will be recovered. It is not unlikely that a great many of the patented lands may be now in the hands of innocent holders and, therefore, beyond recovery."

Justice Urges Jury.

When the jury was taken before Justice Stafford yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, each member appeared hopelessly divided. The Justice warned them again that the case was one of great importance, both to the Government and to the defendants, and they should consider the evidence minutely, and also consider the individual guilt of the defendants.

Government's Charge.

It was alleged that Hyde and Benson worked together to secure the tracts of land; that Dimond was their attorney in Washington, and Schneider was employed by Hyde. It was charged that they used fictitious names and forged to aid them in their work. The Government was represented in the trial by District Attorney Baker and Special Assistant Attorney General Pugh. Judge Campbell, of San Francisco, represented Benson, and Judge Vander Veer, of New York, was attorney for Dimond.

COL. WILLIAM C. GORGAS.

Col. William C. Gorgas, who has been elected president of the American Medical Association, has been chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian canal zone for four years. He was born on October 4, 1854, at Mobile, Ala., and received his academic education at the University of the South. He received his professional degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1879, and after a year on the house staff of the hospital was appointed a lieutenant in the army medical corps. His advance since that time has been rapid. His rank of colonel was voted to him by special act of Congress, and his office in the army medical organization is that of assistant surgeon general.

PRINCIPALS IN LAND FRAUD TRIAL



Joost H. Schneider and Frederick A. Hyde, Who Were Found Guilty of Defrauding the Government in Land Deals.

PREHISTORIC HOUSE HIDES DEAD SECRET

Discovered in Texas, Its Walls of Hardened Sand Puzzle Modern Experts.

OAKWOOD, Tex., June 23.—A large building, evidently constructed in prehistoric times, has been unearthed eighteen miles southwest of Oakwood, on a flat, sandy plain. It is thought that a collection of buildings that may have formed a town will be found there, but so far the exploration work has been confined to this one structure. The walls and many of the objects in the building are of the white sand material which abounds in that region. The particles of sand evidently were cemented together by some kind of liquid being poured over it which placed in molds for the walls. The walls are pure white in color, hard, and are said to resist all moisture.

It is the theory of some that the building was located underground and was built out of the sand of which it was once a part. The construction work was accomplished by means of the



John A. Benson, Found Not Guilty.

STARVED HIS WIFE TO CURE A CANCER

Religious Fanatic Tries to Escape When Woman Dies, Put in Held by Police.

CHICAGO, June 23.—Adam P. Thompson, a Zion City fanatic, who calls himself "The Pilgrim," was charged yesterday with responsibility for the death of his wife, Mrs. Laura Bell Thompson, who died in Zion City after forty days of fasting, his prescription for the cure of a cancer.

Henry P. Dimond, Who Was Acquitted.

Following him through the successive stages of his mania during the last twelve years, which he spent in wandering around this country, his wife obeyed his commands at every step, and the last of them, that she should go without nourishment for the greatest length of time attached to such privation in biblical history, caused her death. Physicians said that had surgical skill been called to her aid during the last two years, had medicine lent its assistance and had nature not been robbed by the lack of food, the woman might have lived much longer than she did, though her malady itself was not curable.

TOWN FIRE SWEEP; LOSS IS \$1,000,000

Entire Business Section of Three Rivers, Canada, Destroyed.

THREE RIVERS, Quebec, June 23.—Fanned by a high wind, fire destroyed the greater part of the lower town, containing the business section of Three Rivers. Then with the aid of firemen summoned by special trains from Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, and Grand Mere, it was held in check. The postoffice, the city hall, every hotel worthy of the name, with one exception, the five buildings of the Hochelaga Bank, and most of the leading stores were destroyed. More than 200 buildings were burned. Outside the town is located the camp of the sixth military district, and soon after the fire started 1,000 men were sent to help fight the flames. The soldiers rendered the best assistance they could, but their bucket brigade was not equal to the task. The fact that there was no efficient command also militated against their efforts after the fire had assumed threatening dimensions. The loss will be considerable even \$1,000,000 but the insurance risks are well scattered. So far no loss of life has been reported.

BRENT WILL QUIT ISLANDS IN FALL

Philippine Bishop Selected to Head Washington Diocese, Still Withholds Answer.

Bishop Brent will leave the Philippines early in September for the United States, and until he arrives here and gets in touch with the entire situation, it will be impossible to learn whether he will accept the Washington bishopric, to which he has been twice elected. This information is contained in a cablegram which has been received by the board of Missions from Bishop Brent. The cablegram follows:

"Must intercept representative. Reconsideration impossible until arrival America. Sailing September 19 to 13, Empress Japan."

Receipt of Bishop Brent's cablegram makes it impossible to settle the bishopric until he arrives in the United States.

SLAIN KING'S SWORD GIVEN TO OFFICER

LISBON, June 23.—The sword which King Carlos was wearing when he was assassinated has been presented to Lieutenant Francisco Figueroa, who was an officer to King Carlos. The weapon is still stained with blood. Lieutenant Figueroa at the time of the assassination was badly wounded in pursuing the assassins. He has since been appointed governor of Macao by the Portuguese government.

GERMAN SOCIETIES ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Pacific Slope Gymnasts En Route to Attend Competition in Frankfurt, Germany.

German gymnasts and singers were entertained last night, the former by Columbia Turnverein in its hall on Seventh street, and the latter by the Sangerbund at its clubhouse on C street. The gymnasts are from the Pacific slope and the Middle West and are on their way to Frankfurt, Germany, to participate in the international turnverein competition, beginning in July. The singers are from Philadelphia.

A "kaiser" was given in honor of the gymnasts, the menu including every variety of German dish. Prof. W. Werner Spanhoff, president of the Columbia Turnverein, Kurt Voelker, president of the United German Societies of the District, and F. A. Roeder, president of the Arion Singing Society, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the local Germans. L. Barth, instructor of the San Francisco Turnverein, responded.

MOSQUITO CAUSES DEATH.

CHICAGO, June 23.—Lawrence McCarthy, 1638 Pemberton avenue, for eleven years a police operator at the Hudson avenue station, died Sunday from blood poisoning that resulted from a mosquito bite. He was bitten by the mosquito Thursday.

NEW WAR SECRETARY TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

Will Hold Conference With Secretary Taft Before Taking Up Duties.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 23.—Gen. Luke E. Wright will leave on Thursday for Washington, arriving Friday. He expects to hold a conference with Secretary Taft before taking up his duties as Secretary of War, to which he was recently appointed by President Roosevelt.

General Wright had little to say regarding his plans after his assumption of the Secretaryship, but said that existing arrangements in the War Department would be disturbed little.

"I am only going in for a few months until next March."

"Don't you expect, then, to be retained in Mr. Taft's cabinet if he should be elected?" he was asked.

"I don't anticipate anything," was the reply with a smile.

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